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STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child and expressed the hope that it would come into force at an early date. The Convention was opened for signature in New York on 26 January 1990 and, in accordance with article 49 thereof, entered into force on 2 September 1990, on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.

2. In its resolution 1992/75 of 5 March 1992, the Commission on Human Rights called upon all States that had not done so to sign, ratify or accede to the Convention as a matter of priority; emphasized the importance of the strict compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention; appealed to States parties that had made reservations to review the compatibility of their reservations with article 51 of the Convention and other relevant rules of international law; welcomed the constructive and useful results achieved by the Committee on the Rights of the Child during its first session; strongly supported the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee, in particular the organization of the future work of the Committee on the basis of two sessions per year, each of two or three weeks' duration, and the establishment of a pre-sessional working group for a preliminary review of reports; invited United Nations bodies and organizations as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on the Convention and promoting its understanding; and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the Commission at its forty-ninth session.

3. As at 7 December 1992, the Convention had received 133 signatures, 107 of which had been followed by ratification. In addition, 19 States had acceded to the Convention, bringing the total of ratifications and accessions to the Convention to 126. A list of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention, and the dates of their signature, ratification or accession, appears in the annex to the present report.

4. In accordance with article 44, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the Committee submitted its biannual report (A/47/41), which covered the activities of the Committee at its first session, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

5. The Committee on the Rights of the Child held its second session from 28 September 1992 to 9 October 1992 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The Committee adopted a report on this session (CRC/C/10).

6. The Second Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention was convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on 11 November 1992, in order to determine the duration of the future meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. At that meeting, the States parties to the Convention adopted by consensus a resolution in which they strongly supported the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the organization of its future work, and recommended that the General Assembly take action for the implementation of the proposed revision of the duration of the session.

7. In its resolution 47/112 of 18 December 1992, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in the resolution adopted at the meeting of States parties, in which the States parties reaffirmed the recommendation made by the Committee on the organization of its future work on the basis of two sessions per year, each of up to three weeks' duration, as may be decided by the Committee in the light of its anticipated workload, and the establishment of a pre-sessional working group, and authorized the Secretary-General to implement this recommendation.

Annex

States which have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child as at 7 December 1992

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession
Afghanistan	27 September 1990	
Albania	26 January 1990	27 February 1992
Algeria	26 January 1990	
Angola	14 February 1990	05 December 1990
Antigua and Barbuda	12 March 1991	
Argentina	29 June 1990	04 December 1990
Australia	22 August 1990	17 December 1990
Austria	26 January 1990	06 August 1992
Azerbaijan		13 August 1992 a/
Bahamas	30 October 1990	20 February 1991
Bahrain		13 February 1992 a/
Bangladesh	26 January 1990	03 August 1990
Barbados	19 April 1990	09 October 1990
Belarus	26 January 1990	01 October 1990
Belgium	26 January 1990	16 December 1991
Belize	02 March 1990	02 May 1990
Benin	25 April 1990	03 August 1990
Bhutan	04 June 1990	01 August 1990
Bolivia	08 March 1990	26 June 1990
Brazil	26 January 1990	24 September 1990
Bulgaria	31 May 1990	03 June 1991
Burkina Faso	26 January 1990	31 August 1990
Burundi	08 May 1990	19 October 1990
Cambodia	22 September 1992	15 October 1992
Cameroon	25 September 1990	
Canada	28 May 1990	13 December 1991
Cape Verde		04 June 1992 a/
Central African Republic	30 July 1990	23 April 1992
Chad	30 September 1990	02 October 1990
Chile	26 January 1990	13 August 1990
China	29 August 1990	02 March 1992
Colombia	26 January 1990	28 January 1991
Comoros	30 September 1990	
Costa Rica	26 January 1990	21 August 1990
Côte d'Ivoire	26 January 1990	04 February 1991
Croatia		08 October 1991 b/
Cuba	26 January 1990	21 August 1991
Cyprus	05 October 1990	07 February 1991
Czech and Slovak Federal Republic	30 September 1990	07 January 1991
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	23 August 1990	21 September 1990

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession
Denmark	26 January 1990	19 July 1991
Djibouti	30 September 1990	06 December 1990
Dominica	26 January 1990	13 March 1991
Dominican Republic	08 August 1990	11 June 1991
Ecuador	26 January 1990	23 March 1990
Egypt	05 February 1990	06 July 1990
El Salvador	26 January 1990	10 July 1990
Equatorial Guinea		15 June 1992 a/
Estonia		21 October 1991 a/
Ethiopia		14 May 1991 a/
Finland	26 January 1990	20 June 1991
France	26 January 1990	07 August 1990
Gabon	26 January 1990	
Gambia	05 February 1990	08 August 1990
Germany	26 January 1990	06 March 1992
Ghana	29 January 1990	05 February 1990
Greece	26 January 1990	
Grenada	21 February 1990	05 November 1990
Guatemala	26 January 1990	06 June 1990
Guinea		13 July 1990 a/
Guinea-Bissau	26 January 1990	20 August 1990
Guyana	30 September 1990	14 January 1991
Haiti	26 January 1990	
Holy See	20 April 1990	20 April 1990
Honduras	31 May 1990	10 August 1990
Hungary	14 March 1990	07 October 1991
Iceland	26 January 1990	28 October 1992
Indonesia	26 January 1990	05 September 1990
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	05 September 1991	
Ireland	30 September 1990	28 September 1992
Israel	03 July 1990	03 October 1991
Italy	26 January 1990	05 September 1991
Jamaica	26 January 1990	14 May 1991
Japan	21 September 1990	
Jordan	29 August 1990	24 May 1991
Kenya	26 January 1990	30 July 1990
Kuwait	07 June 1990	21 October 1991
Lao People's Democratic Republic		08 May 1991 a/
Latvia		14 April 1992 a/
Lebanon	26 January 1990	14 May 1991
Lesotho	21 August 1990	10 March 1992
Liberia	26 April 1990	
Liechtenstein	30 September 1990	
Lithuania		31 January 1992 a/
Luxembourg	21 March 1990	
Madagascar	19 April 1990	19 March 1991
Malawi		02 January 1991 a/

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Maldives	21 August 1990	11 February 1991
Mali	26 January 1990	20 September 1990
Malta	26 January 1990	30 September 1990
Mauritania	26 January 1990	16 May 1991
Mauritius		26 July 1990 a/
Mexico	26 January 1990	21 September 1990
Mongolia	26 January 1990	05 July 1990
Morocco	26 January 1990	
Mozambique	30 September 1990	
Myanmar		15 July 1991 a/
Namibia	26 September 1990	30 September 1990
Nepal	26 September 1990	14 September 1990
Netherlands	26 January 1990	
New Zealand	01 October 1990	
Nicaragua	06 February 1990	05 October 1990
Niger	26 January 1990	30 September 1990
Nigeria	26 January 1990	19 April 1991
Norway	26 January 1990	08 January 1991
Pakistan	20 September 1990	12 November 1990
Panama	26 January 1990	12 December 1990
Papua New Guinea	30 September 1990	
Paraguay	04 April 1990	25 September 1990
Peru	26 January 1990	04 September 1990
Philippines	26 January 1990	21 August 1990
Poland	26 January 1990	07 June 1991
Portugal	26 January 1990	21 September 1990
Republic of Korea	25 September 1990	20 November 1991
Romania	26 January 1990	28 September 1990
Russian Federation	26 January 1990	16 August 1990
Rwanda	26 January 1990	24 January 1991
Saint Kitts and Nevis	26 January 1990	24 July 1990
Saint Lucia	30 September 1990	
Samoa	30 September 1990	
San Marino		25 November 1991 a/
Sao Tome and Principe		14 May 1991 a/
Senegal	26 January 1990	31 July 1990
Seychelles		07 September 1990 a/
Sierra Leone	13 February 1990	18 June 1990
Slovenia		06 July 1992 b/
Spain	26 January 1990	06 December 1990
Sri Lanka	26 January 1990	12 July 1991
Sudan	24 July 1990	03 August 1990
Suriname	26 January 1990	
Swaziland	22 August 1990	
Sweden	26 January 1990	29 June 1990
Switzerland	01 May 1991	
Syrian Arab Republic	18 September 1990	

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession
Thailand		27 March 1992 a/
Togo	26 January 1990	01 August 1990
Trinidad and Tobago	30 September 1990	05 December 1991
Tunisia	26 February 1990	30 January 1992
Turkey	14 September 1990	
Uganda	17 August 1990	17 August 1990
Ukraine	21 February 1991	28 August 1991
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19 April 1990	16 December 1991
United Republic of Tanzania	01 June 1990	10 June 1991
Uruguay	26 January 1990	20 November 1990
Vanuatu	30 September 1990	
Venezuela	26 January 1990	13 September 1990
Viet Nam	26 January 1990	28 February 1990
Yemen	13 February 1990	01 May 1991
Yugoslavia	26 January 1990	03 January 1991
Zaire	20 March 1990	27 September 1990
Zambia	30 September 1990	05 December 1991
Zimbabwe	08 March 1990	11 September 1990

Notes

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